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The House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Creator God, open our eyes to the gift that You have laid before us this day. Fill us early with an awareness of Your unfailing love, that throughout the day we would know the satisfaction of happiness found only in You and the content of joy that we have in Your love for us.

At every moment of the day, bring us evidence of Your loving kindness. At every turn, cause us to know what way You would have us walk. At every encounter, give us the word You would have us speak.

For we put our trust in You. When all else around us proves fleeting, be our constant.

When disappointments erode our sense of certainty, may our faith in You be sure.

When we weary from our labor, may we find strength in the foundation You have laid for our days.

When we are inclined to doubt, may our reverence of You fill us with the joy of our salvation.

In Your mercy may we receive today a wealth of wisdom and knowledge.

Hear now our gratitude for the daily favor You have shown us as we offer our prayers in Your most holy name.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to section 11(a) of House Resolution 188, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from New Hampshire (Mr. PAPPAS)

come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. PAPPAS led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

GOOD BILLS

(Mr. COHEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, the House continues to pursue the bipartisan infrastructure bill and the Build Back Better bill. There will be a Rules Committee meeting today on those bills. Hopefully, they will come to the floor and will pass with bipartisan support, as the infrastructure bill was passed with bipartisan support in the Senate.

The House has been working to get the framework improved to include other issues. There are so many good issues that we can have in this bill, and we hope to have the maximum possible.

But as a baker once said, and my father implored me as a child: Look at the doughnut, and not at the hole.

We will pass a very good bill, hopefully bipartisan.

TIME TO SECURE OUR BORDER

(Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, as Congress debates spending trillions of taxpayer dollars, there is a

crisis on our southern border that is being ignored.

In the past year, our Border Patrol agents have made almost 1.5 million apprehensions, yet we are still seeing that there is a massive surge in illegal immigration.

The rise in overdose deaths that our country has seen can be directly tied to the increase in fentanyl that is being smuggled into the United States through Mexico. Now, at the height of the crisis, we are seeing reports that the Biden administration wants to pay settlements to immigrants who enter our country illegally. This is unacceptable.

Now is the time to secure our border and stop the security and humanitarian crises that this policy has created.

Right now, Congress should be working to address the real and present danger at our southern border, not debating yet another socialist spending spree.

THE TIME IS RIGHT FOR VOTING RIGHTS ADVANCEMENT

(Mrs. BEATTY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. BEATTY. On behalf of the Congressional Black Caucus and the millions of Black voters, I rise today in support of H.R. 4, the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act.

Today, we step into history as we tread the same path taken 56 years ago when President Lyndon Johnson signed the Voting Rights Act into law, calling that day "a triumph for freedom as huge as any victory that has ever been won on any battlefield."

We have not come this far to turn the clock back, nor shall we let the sacrifices of Fannie Lou Hamer, Martin Luther King, and countless others who marched, fought, disrupted, and lost their lives for the right to vote, be in vain.

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Therefore, I ask all of my colleagues to support H.R. 4, the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act.

As our friend and brother, the late John Lewis, said so well: "The time is right. The time is now."

Our Power, Our Message.

BUILD BACK BROKE

(Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas. Madam Speaker, President Biden looks to call his phony tax-and-spend plan Build Back Better when it actually should be called build back broke. It broke last night, and it is breaking this week.

This plan is a disaster for Americans and the future of our small businesses. The National Federation of Independent Business recently reported that over two-thirds of small businesses faced significant impacts from the supply chain disruptions. Fifty-one percent of owners reported they are still unable to fill job openings. And uncertainty about the future among small business owners increased by 5 points, according to the NFIB Uncertainty Index.

American small businesses are facing unprecedented challenges, and unfortunately, Washington bureaucrats are turning their backs on their concerns and pushing ahead to increase taxes, fuel rising inflation, and expand government control.

I came to Washington to fight for Main Street America. That is what I am. And every American should know these closed-door negotiations and socialist policies are fiscal insanity and will crush our economy.

Cut taxes and save our economy, a new concept.

In God We Trust.

HONORING STAFF SERGEANT JESSE SHERRILL

(Mr. PAPPAS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PAPPAS. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the life and service of New Hampshire State Police Staff Sergeant Jesse Sherrill. Staff Sergeant Sherrill was tragically killed on October 28 when his cruiser was struck by a tractor-trailer when he was on duty working an overnight detail.

This is an immeasurable loss for his family and community and the entire State of New Hampshire.

Today, our State will pause for a celebration of life for Staff Sergeant Sherrill. My thoughts and prayers are with his wife and their children and extended family. We must never forget his dedicated service to keeping our State safe and the burden borne by the Sherrill family.

My thoughts are also with the men and women of the New Hampshire State Police and law enforcement community that has lost one of its own.

Day in and day out, those who serve and protect our communities risk their own safety for all of us. We can never forget their sacrifice.

I urge Granite Staters to take time to reflect on the legacy of Staff Sergeant Sherrill and to keep his family in your thoughts and prayers.

Through this horrible tragedy, we must honor his example and keep his memory alive.

RECOGNIZING WILLIE JETT

(Mr. EMMER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. EMMER. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of St. Cloud area school district superintendent Willie Jett. Willie will be retiring from his role as superintendent at the end of this school year, ending 8 years in service to the district.

During his tenure, Willie has been an advocate for students, a leader for faculty, and an ally to parents. When the district experienced challenges, Willie focused on a student-centric approach to education. Willie's leadership prioritized the performance of each student and provided the support they needed to thrive.

Willie led the St. Cloud school district through times of crisis and change. He helped schools rebuild after fires and successfully navigated the COVID-19 crisis. Willie oversaw the construction of the new St. Cloud Tech High School and an early childhood education center. Willie even participated in one of our Congressional telephone townhalls to answer questions about remote learning for families across the St. Cloud community.

Willie remains a friend and leader in our community. Willie's presence in the St. Cloud school district will be missed.

Madam Speaker, I thank Willie for all of his work, and I wish him good luck in the next chapter of his life.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL FAMILY CAREGIVERS MONTH

(Mr. HIGGINS of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of November as National Family Caregivers Month.

Nearly 600,000 New Yorkers are caregivers for loved ones living with dementia. This is difficult work, and it takes an emotional toll that too often goes unrecognized.

My bill, the Comprehensive Care for Alzheimer's Act, would enact higher-quality dementia care standards in Medicare and Medicaid. It broadens assistance, including direct education and support for caregivers and improved access to high-quality doctors with expertise in dementia.

Dementia care is very complex, so we need to do all we can to make sure the

patients and their families have what they need.

I hear regularly from my Alzheimer's advocates in Buffalo and western New York and throughout New York that much more needs to be done.

This bill can help them get the best possible care for their loved ones while providing support to them as caregivers. I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

HIGH COST OF A BIDEN THANKSGIVING

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, as Biden continues to push the insulting \$3.5 trillion Big Government socialist scheme, real Americans will see their Thanksgiving 2021 "shaping up to be the most expensive meal in the history of the holiday," as reported by MSNBC.

The price of turkey already costs 25 cents more per pound. It is not the only part of the holiday to take a bite out of your family account, with Biden inflation destroying jobs.

"Nearly every component of the traditional American Thanksgiving dinner, from the disposable aluminum turkey roasting pan to the coffee and pie, will cost more this year," as sadly admitted by The New York Times.

Democrat elite think they are smarter than anyone, and they believe Democrat voters are ignorant to believe that \$3.5 trillion in spending costs zero dollars.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, who successfully protected America for 20 years, as the global war on terrorism continues moving from Afghanistan to America.

Congratulations to the people of Virginia and New Jersey and Springdale Mayor-elect Justin Ricard.

MAKING GOOD DECISIONS WITH GOOD INFORMATION

(Ms. BOURDEAUX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. BOURDEAUX. Madam Speaker, I rise today in strong support of the Fiscal State of the Nation Resolution, H. Con. Res. 44, which the House will consider later today.

When I came to Congress, I promised my constituents that we would make responsible decisions about our Nation's fiscal future. It is extremely difficult, however, to make good decisions without good information.

The Fiscal State of the Nation Resolution will require the Comptroller General to provide an annual assessment of our Nation's finances to Congress, a small but important first step in getting our fiscal house in order.

Similarly, my bipartisan bill, the Duplication Scoring Act, would ensure